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Rep. Kitchens Applauds Finance Committee's Decision to Save SeniorCare

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Madison – State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) today issued the following statement in support of the Joint Finance Committee's (JFC) decision to save SeniorCare – the discount prescription drug program for Wisconsin's seniors.

"I am very pleased with the JFC's announcement that they will preserve SeniorCare. A couple of months ago, I wrote a letter to members of the JFC urging them to reject any proposed changes to SeniorCare and to preserve the program in its current form. I am happy to see that they heeded the advice of my letter.

"SeniorCare currently serves about 90,000 Wisconsinites and has helped to save seniors millions of dollars. Ensuring that this program maintained its current level of excellence was a common refrain that I heard from many of my constituents.

"SeniorCare is both wildly popular and successful at keeping the cost of prescription medications affordable. Many of those in the SeniorCare program are living on a small, fixed income. Without SeniorCare, many of them would not be able to afford their medications without sacrificing from a different area of their tight budgets.

"Today's decision from the JFC to save SeniorCare means that the program's current level of funding will be maintained. Furthermore, enrollment fees and drug co-pays will be frozen at their current levels. This is great news as it helps to ensure that our state's most vulnerable population will be able to continue to afford the medications they need."

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